

THE TAKS WRITING PROMPT

adapted from the TEA Study Guide

EXPECTATIONS

- respond directly to the prompt
- organize ideas so that a logical progression of thought is evident both within and across paragraphs
- remain focused on the topic throughout the composition
- develop ideas thoroughly and specifically
- write a complete composition—one that has a beginning, a middle, and an end
- express an individual voice

TYPE OF WRITING

Decide what type of writing you will use to address the prompt.

Will you write to...

- share your thoughts about an experience?
- propose a solution to a problem?
- explain something.
- persuade someone?
- describe something?
- compare and contrast two or more things?
- tell a story?

STEPS TO CLEAR WRITING

- Before you write, think about what you want to say. Use a web, chart, graph, list, or other organizer to brainstorm the ideas that you want to include.
- Look at the ideas you have brainstormed and put them in an order that makes sense.
- Write a rough draft of your ideas.
- Reread what you have written. Look for logical order and move sentences around if needed. Change words or sentences to make your writing clear. Add additional details where they are needed.
- Read your paper again. Be sure all your sentences are complete. Look for and correct any errors in usage and mechanics.